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December 28, 2016

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ex parte filing in WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Alaska Telephone Association member companies submit the attached letters certifying that each carrier will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order*. Companies submitting letters in this filing are:

- Adak Eagle Enterprises, LLC
- ASTAC Wireless
- Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.
- Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative
- Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership
- Bush-Tell, Inc.
- Cordova Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- Cordova Wireless Communications, LLC
- Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- Copper Valley Wireless, LLC
- Ketchikan Public Utilities
- Matanuska Telephone Association, Incorporated
- Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- OTZ Telephone Cooperative
- OTZ Wireless
- Windy City Cellular, LLC

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this ex parte letter is being filed via ECFS in WC Docket 16-271.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 12/28/2016

Christine O'Connor
Executive Director

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

December 28, 2016

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cc: Jesse Jachman
Alexander Minard
Peter Trachtenberg
Matthew Warner



ADAK TELEPHONE UTILITY
ADAK CABLEVISION
WINDY CITY BROADBAND
WINDY CITY CELLULAR

December 28, 2016

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of Adak Eagle Enterprises, LLC (AEE).¹ As Chief Operating Officer, I hereby certify that AEE will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

By submitting this certification within the time prescribed by the Public Notice, AEE does not in any way forfeit its right to seek reconsideration of the decision by the Federal Communications Commission denying AEE the right to elect to receive Alternative Connect America Model support.³

Sincerely,

Andilea Weaver
Chief Operating Officer

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes Alaska Plan Support for 13 Alaskan Rate-of-Return Companies*, Public Notice, DA 16-1425, WC Docket No. 16-271 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Dec. 21, 2016). Appendix B to the Public Notice contains the performance plans as approved (“Public Notice”).

² See *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund; Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-115, 31 FCC Rcd. 10,139, 10,154 ¶ 45 (2016) (“*Alaska Plan Order*”).

³ See *Connect America Fund*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-178, ¶ 18 (2016).



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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the performance plan filed by ASTAC Wireless LLC-CL d/b/a ASTAC Wireless on December 14, 2016.¹ I hereby certify that ASTAC Wireless LLC-CL d/b/a ASTAC Wireless will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

If there are any questions, please call me on 406-598-0200.

Best Regards,

Stephen Merriam, Federal Advocate
ASTAC Wireless LLC-CL d/b/a ASTAC Wireless

cc: Jim Schlichting
Peter Trachtenberg

¹ See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Performance Plans of the Eight Wireless Providers That Elected to Participate in the Alaska Plan, Public Notice, DA 16-1419, WC Docket No. 16-271 (Wireless Telecomms. Bur. rel. Dec. 21, 2016).

² See *Connect America Fund, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-115, 31 FCC Rcd. 10,139, 10,154 ¶ 45 (2016) (“*Alaska Plan Order*”).



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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan filed by Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. on November 17, 2016.¹ I hereby certify that Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Best Regards,

Stephen Merriam, Federal Advocate
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

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Bristol Bay
TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE
INC

December 21, 2016

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative.¹ I hereby certify that Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,



Tanya Moorcroft, Interim General Manager
Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

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Bristol Bay CELLULAR

PARTNERSHIP

December 22, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the performance plan of Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership.¹ I hereby certify that Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

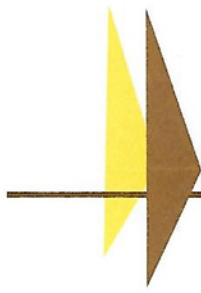


Tanya Moorcroft, Interim General Manager
Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership

cc: Jim Schlichting
Peter Trachtenberg

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² See *Connect America Fund, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-115, 31 FCC Rcd. 10,139, 10,171 ¶ 97 (2016) (“*Alaska Plan Order*”).



BUSH-TELL, INC.

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of Bush-Tell, Inc.¹ I hereby certify that Bush-Tell, Inc. will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

Larry G. Snipes
CEO and General Manager
Bush-Tell, Inc.

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

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Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of Cordova Telephone Cooperative, Inc, I hereby certify that Cordova Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.¹

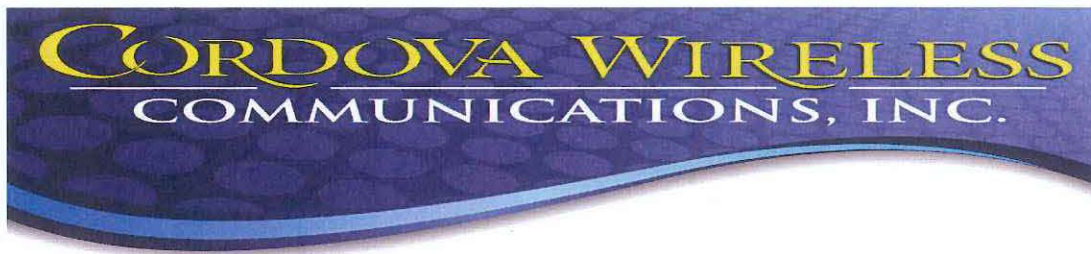
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Kelly,
General Manager/ CEO

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

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Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the performance plan of Cordova Wireless Communications, LLC.¹ I hereby certify that Cordova Wireless Communications, LLC will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Kelly".

Paul Kelly
General Manager/ CEO

cc: Jim Schlichting
Peter Trachtenberg

¹ See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Performance Plans of the Eight Wireless Providers That Elected To Participate in the Alaska Plan*, Public Notice, DA 16-1419, WC Docket No. 16-271 (Wireless Telecomms. Bur. rel. Dec. 21, 2016). Appendix A to the Public Notice contains the performance plans as approved.

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December 23, 2016

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Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.¹ I hereby certify that Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Dengel", is written over a faint, stylized outline of the same name.

Dave Dengel
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes Alaska Plan Support for 13 Alaskan Rate-of-Return Companies*, Public Notice, DA-16-1425 WC Docket No. 16-271 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Dec. 21, 2016).

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the performance plan of Copper Valley Wireless, LLC.¹ I hereby certify that Copper Valley Wireless, LLC will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Dengel", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Dave Dengel
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jim Schlichting
Peter Trachtenberg

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan filed by Ketchikan Public Utilities on December 9, 2016.¹ I hereby certify that Ketchikan Public Utilities will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

Ed L. Cushing
Telecommunications Division Manager

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes Alaska Plan Support for 13 Alaska Rate-of-Return Companies*, Public Notice, DA-1425, WC Docket No. 16-271 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Dec.21, 2016).

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December 27, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 22, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan filed by Matanuska Telephone Association, Incorporated on December 6, 2016.¹ I hereby certify that Matanuska Telephone Association, Incorporated will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wanda Tankersley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wanda" and last name "Tankersley" clearly distinguishable.

Wanda Tankersley
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes Alaska Plan Support for 13 Alaskan Rate-of-Return Companies*, Public Notice, DA-16-1425, WC Docket No. 16-271 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Dec. 21, 2016).

² See *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund; Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-115, 31 FCC Rcd. 10,139, 10,154 ¶ 45 (2016) (“*Alaska Plan Order*”).



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December 21, 2016

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of **Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**¹ I hereby certify that NSHG will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Megli Interim CEO".

Mike Megli Interim CEO

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

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December 28, 2016

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau approved the performance plan of OTZ Telephone Cooperative.¹ I hereby certify that OTZ Telephone Cooperative will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

Doug Neal
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Alex Minard
Jesse Jachman

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the performance plan of OTZ Wireless.¹ I hereby certify that OTZ Wireless will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

Doug Neal
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jim Schlichting
Peter Trachtenberg

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Re: *Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 21, 2016, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the performance plan of Windy City Cellular LLC.¹ I hereby certify that **Windy City Cellular LLC** will comply with the public interest obligations adopted in the *Alaska Plan Order* and the deployment obligations set forth in the approved performance plan.²

Sincerely,

Andilea Weaver
VP/COO
Windy City Cellular LLC

cc: Jim Schlichting
Peter Trachtenberg

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